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# Okemos Glass Artist Designs, Donates 2013 Michigan Children's Advocate Award

Lansing, Mich. (May 1, 2013) – The **Michigan Children's Trust Fund** has commissioned internationally known glass artist **Craig Mitchell Smith** to design the second annual Michigan Children's Advocate Award, which will be announced at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event on Wednesday, May 8.

The annual award recognizes Michiganders who have shown leadership and a commitment to helping Michigan's children.

"I am honored and humbled to be a part of this important effort to honor those who help keep Michigan's children's safe and capable to pursue their fullest potential," **Smith** said. "The pieces I designed and sculpted for the award is my attempt to capture the special essence and wonder of our children. I've been fortunate to be able to pursue my dreams of being an artist, and I wanted the award to reflect the same hopes and dreams every child deserves."

Smith's work has been displayed across the nation and in Europe. His glass sculptures have been featured at international festivals, including more recently 63 giant poppies at the 2013 Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival in Orlando. His glass sculptures have been displayed in museums and public spaces across the United States, including at the Michigan State University Horticulture Garden. Smith is owner of the Craig Mitchell Smith Glass Gallery at the Meridian Mall near Macy's.

Smith grew up and still lives in Lansing.

For more information about the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event, or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature](http://www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature).

Read more about Smith at: [www.craigmitchellsmith.com](http://www.craigmitchellsmith.com) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CraigMitchellSmithGlassArtist](https://www.facebook.com/CraigMitchellSmithGlassArtist)

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